

Gathering

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have a prayer concern, we will be glad to add it to our prayer list. Please fill out the Connection Card on the back of the pew in front of you or contact the church office for more information.

PRELUDE (8:30) (10:45)	How Firm a Foundation Adagio	arr. John Purifoy Georg Muffat
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Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today carrying the weight of the mountains we have climbed and the heavy roads we have walked.

People: We do not come in our own strength alone; we come relying on the One who equips us to do hard things.

Leader: For every time we chose courage over comfort, and for every time we faced the storm instead of running from it,

People: We offer our thanksgiving. God’s grace has been our anchor and our shield.

Leader: Let us not grow weary in well-doing, nor forget the power that brought us through the struggle.

People: We bring our exhaustion and our triumphs, our tears and our songs, to the One who makes our burdens light.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the God who walks with us through the fire and gives us the victory.

People: With joyful hearts and lifted hands, let us worship and praise the Lord!

*HYMN 618	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION
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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	First Testament, pg 505
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CHILDREN’S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM	Offertory Doug Hutcherson, baritone	John Ness Beck
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Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-59	Second Testament, pg. 124, 126
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SERMON	The Church in Action Sermon Series The Stoning of Stephen	Rev. Kelly Hale
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**Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 631	Lift Every Voice and Sing	LIFT EVERY VOICE
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Responding to God’s Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We pass the plates as a reminder of the importance of expressing our generous thanks to God. We are grateful for all the ways people give, including online (see QR code in this bulletin) or the website (crestwoodchristian.org/give).

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (8:30) (10:45)	Let There Be Peace on Earth Elegy	arr. Dan Coates Flor Peeters
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*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	OR	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

(8:30)	This Is My Song	arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45)	Behold the Bread of Angels	arr. Charles Callahan

Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder’s prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.

*HYMN 86	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE	May the Light of Christ	Tom Fettke
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POSTLUDE

(8:30)	We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations	arr. Glenda Austin
(10:45)	Trumpet Voluntary	Thomas Dupuis

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If you would like to support the ministries of Crestwood, please scan the QR code to the right to go to our secure “Give” page. Thank you for your generosity and support of God’s work at Crestwood!

REGISTER FOR VBS

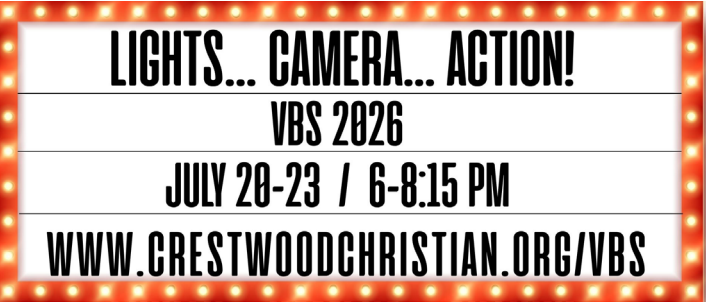


Child registration

You can now register your child(ren) or register to volunteer for Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 20-23, by scanning the QR codes shown here. ***NEW FOR 2026*** Fall 2026 sixth graders may register as a volunteer or participant (pick one).



Volunteer registration



OPEN AND AFFIRMING TASK FORCE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT

In August 2025, our congregation adopted a Faithful Plan, which included a focus on "Intentional Inclusivity." To live that out, a task force was created to explore the possibility of Crestwood becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. This designation is for congregations that formally, publicly covenant to welcome and include LGBTQ+ individuals into all aspects of church life, including leadership and service.



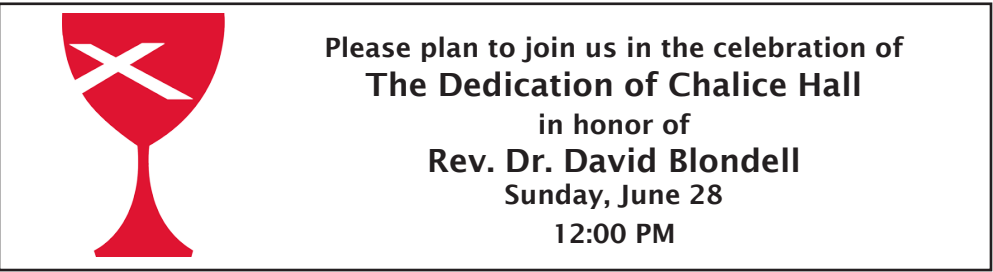
To begin this process, the task force would like to get your thoughts on this issue to better guide us in educating the congregation and knowing how to move forward. Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey by scanning the QR code. We look forward to hearing from you!

CAMPERS LOVE MAIL!

Drop a note or card of encouragement to our Crestwood campers! Mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper’s Name, Week of Camp (i.e. Camp 101B)
Camp Wakon Da-Ho
7900 East KY 70, Yosemite, KY 42566

The following youth will be at Camp CYF 2 June 29-July 4: Gabe Owens Carter Wallace Rachel Wilkinson	The following youth will be at Camp Chi Rho 1 July 6-11 Maelee Thompson
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a congregational meeting after the 10:45 AM service today to vote on the slate of leaders for the 2026-27 church year. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Birth of Margaret Louise Browning (daughter of Delaney & Ben Browning), Sylvia Griffin, Ben Webster

FAMILY: Family of Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Rosalie Bush-Ryall (mother of Ben Thompson), Anna Grace Day (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Karter Graves (nephew of Sarah Jefferson), Emily Haise (sister of Ben Thompson), Kim Heersche (sister-in-law of Jennifer Heersche), Sandy Keith (daughter of Joanne Whiteker), Gordon Randall (of Kory Wilcoxson), Marty Wallingford (uncle of Lyndi Van Duersen)

FRIENDS: Ladonna Gregory (of Kimberly Sparks), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley), Cierra Russell (of Karen Trommer), family of Ann Smith (of Crestwood), Lee Weber (of Jill & Rick Sawyer)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Suzy Campbell (of Libby Wachtel), Steve Combs (cousin of Libby Wachtel), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey (of Crestwood), Jo Fulkerson, Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Sally (of Ann Kingsolver), Tony Shartle, Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), Carter Yates (nephew of Stephanie & Josh Moore)

ARMED FORCES: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Connor Hankins (nephew of Lauren York), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Buzz Mattingly, Earl Pfanstiel, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to wars and oppression across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

Today's Leaders	
<u>Deacons</u> 8:30 Bill Bacon, Rick Fern 10:45 Kevin & Sammi Barry, Carl & Sarah Pickering	<u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Rick Jouett
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Lucy Wells 10:45 Tara Wilkinson	
Our Mission Connecting people to God and each other by welcoming and accepting everyone; helping them grow in their faith; and empowering them to serve God by serving others.	Next Sunday The Church in Action Sermon Series Philip and the Ethiopian Acts 8:26-40 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
June 28, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 28 8:30 AM - Worship Service 9:30 AM - Sunday School 9:30 AM - Choir Practice 10:45 AM - Worship Service (Congregational meeting to follow) 12:00 PM - Chalice Hall Dedication 12:15 PM - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room	
Wednesday, July 1 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library	
Thursday, July 2 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room	
The church office will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of the 4th of July holiday	
Sunday, July 5 8:30 AM - Worship Service 9:30 AM - Sunday School 9:30 AM - Choir Practice 10:45 AM - Worship Service	

THE CHURCH IN ACTION SERMON SERIES

The book of Acts takes us from Jesus's ascension into heaven, through the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and into the spreading of the good news across the known world. This summer, we'll walk through this book together, learning how this upstart movement grew into a worldwide religion.

- July 5 - Acts 8:26-40 - Philip and the Ethiopian
- July 12 - Acts 9:1-20 - The conversion of Paul
- July 19 - Acts 9:36-42 - Peter heals Tabitha
- July 26 - Acts 10 - Cornelius and the Gentiles receiving the gospel
- August 2 - Acts 15 - The Jerusalem Council's decision
- August 9 - Acts 16:16-34 - Paul breaks out of prison
- August 16 - Acts 17:22-31 - Paul preaches in Athens

CHURCH STAFF		
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson Senior Minister	Jennifer Heersche Office Administrator	Frank Spragens Music Director
Pastor Missy Wallace Children's Minister	Jim Cristi Facilities Manager	Cindy Abernathy Pianist
Rev. Kelly Hale Minister of Pastoral Care		Jane Johnson Organist



The Church in Action
The Stoning of Stephen
Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-59
Rev. Kelly Hale

June 28, 2026
8:30 and 10:45 AM

Welcome to Crestwood!
We are glad you have joined us for worship.
We hope your time with us is meaningful and that you return soon.

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